



White River National Forest

OUTREACH NOTICE

**INTERDISCIPLINARY RECREATION SPECIALIST
GS-0401/0101 - 7/9**

EAGLE-HOLY CROSS RANGER DISTRICT
MINTURN, CO (DUTY STATION)

REPLY BY DECEMBER 12, 2013



Mount of the Holy Cross

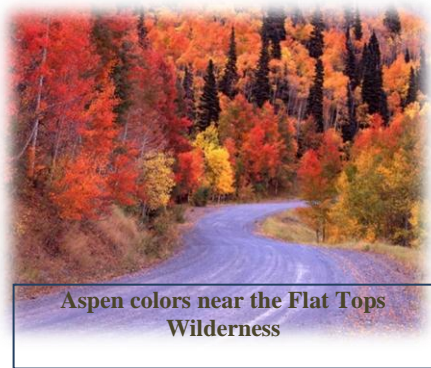
The Forest Service special-uses program authorizes commercial uses on NFS land that provide a benefit or needed service to the general public while protecting public and natural resource values. The Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District has a very active special uses program with over 80 recreation partners who currently hold permits to provide public services such as; outfitting and guiding services ranging from hunting, mountain biking, rafting, horseback riding, rock climbing, skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, and every other outdoor pursuit imaginable.

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A REWARDING OPPORTUNITY and enjoy recreational pursuits, the District will be filling a Recreation Specialist (Special Uses Emphasis), GS-0401-0101-7/9 to manage a challenging and diverse Recreation Special Uses program. This permanent full-time position is located in Minturn, Colorado. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity and identify the level of interest in this position.

THE POSITION

This position will administer a wide range of commercial uses on National Forest System lands authorized by recreational special uses permits such as; outfitter guides, recreation residences, recreation events, army/military permits, huts, filming/photography permits and other walk-in recreational special use authorizations. The recreation special use program overlaps with Mountain Resort Administration (Ski Areas) as well. The position requires a firm yet flexible management style with consistency being a key factor. Proficiency with multiple databases is essential to track and monitor special use management including the Special Uses Database System (SUDS) database and Geospatial Geographic Information System (GIS). Multi-tasking and time management are essential skill sets for this position. If you enjoy a fast paced environment this is the job for you. The employee will handle proposals from beginning to end including billings and tracking payments using the Lockbox data system. Permit administration requires using many different forms of transportation; Off Highway Vehicle operation (ATV, UTV), horseback riding, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, climbing, and backcountry skiing. Willingness for adventure and training in these skills are imperative for the position. The incumbent will be a member of the District Recreation Team and work across department lines to

accomplish both district and forest wide goals. This can include: patrolling forest lands, visiting dispersed sites, maintaining developed sites and facilities, visitor information, trail maintenance, river corridor management and other back-country skills.



Aspen colors near the Flat Tops
Wilderness

POSITION REQUIREMENTS

At the GS 7 level the employee serves as a permit administrator for basic, non-controversial or complicated permits. The employee will attain the skills needed at this grade level to reach the journeyman level administrator. The position also supports the general recreation program via information about recreational opportunities to visitors, explaining and enforcing Forest Service rules and regulations. Good communication and people skills are essential.

At the GS 9 level the employee will be the lead administrator for the District's Recreation Special Uses. The employee will supervise at least one direct report Special Uses Assistant and several temporary employees who work in the Colorado River corridor. The expectation is at this level you are the special uses expert and apply National, Regional, and Forest-wide policy appropriately to achieve consistent permit management and quality public service. The individual will coordinate with other forest personnel to ensure consistent permit management. The employee will define data needed to monitor and assess recreation conditions and will serve as a liaison with community organizations and interest groups. The employee must have good communication skills and be able to work as part of a larger team with co-workers, permittees, government agencies (federal, state, local) and the general public.

THE DISTRICT

Stretching from Glenwood Canyon to Vail Pass, the Eagle – Holy Cross Ranger District is an extraordinary place to work and play. People come from around the world to enjoy the excellent recreation opportunities available in the Eagle River Valley. Take your choice of epic ski runs at a myriad of ski resorts within an hour's drive including Vail, Beaver Creek, Aspen, Copper Mountain, Arapaho Basin, Keystone and Breckenridge. Unlimited hunting and fishing opportunities abound. First-rate whitewater and pleasure boating can be enjoyed on long stretches of the Eagle, Colorado Frying Pan Rivers and at nearby Lake Dillon or Green Mountain Reservoir. You can also keep things simple, just pack up, and camp overnight in one of the three wilderness areas located on district – some of the most photographed mountain scenery in the country.

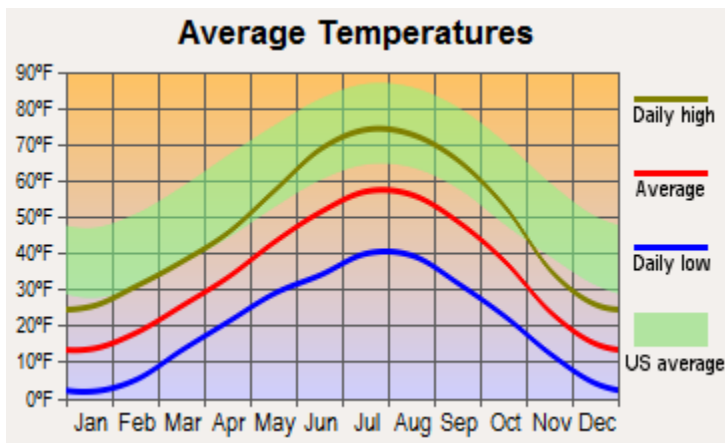
THE WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST

The White River is one of the top five most heavily used National Forests in the country-- with over nine million visitor days, it compares with Yellowstone National Park in popularity. We are busy. The forest strives to provide visitors opportunities for high quality recreation experiences. There are 11 major ski areas on the Forest hosting nearly seven million visitors yearly. Beyond skiing, there are many other recreation opportunities on the Forest including: 62 campgrounds; 11 picnic grounds; 751,668 acres in eight Wilderness areas; three major reservoirs; the largest elk herd and elk harvest in the world; over 200 caves; three hut systems with eighteen huts; 1,895 miles of trails; 2,356 miles of roads; three scenic byways; three national recreation trails; five eligible wild and scenic

ivers; portions of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, the Colorado Trail and the American Discovery Trail; and hiking, biking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, four-wheel driving, snowmobile, hunting, fishing and other dispersed activities. Approximately 200 outfitters and guides are under permit and available to assist visitors in experiencing a wide variety of activities. But don't worry; you can still find quiet, secluded campsites, trails, or a gravel bar on the river to enjoy the day.

THE COMMUNITY

With 300+ days of sun per year and temperatures rarely below 20° in the winter, the Eagle Valley has one of the most livable climates in the Rockies. The valley communities of Edwards, Eagle, Gypsum, Avon, Minturn, and Vail host a variety of services including many modern libraries, county recreation facilities, the Vilar Performing Arts Center plus an excellent selection of shopping options including the popular outlet mall located at nearby Silverthorne (more info go to: <http://www.eaglevalley.org/>). Healthcare choices include two full-service medical centers and a broad selection of specialty services. Additionally, Denver and big city amenities are just a short drive east on I-70 or head west to Glenwood Springs or Grand Junction.



The Eagle County School system includes 10 elementary, 5 middle and 4 high schools including two charter schools and the Vail Ski and Snowboard Academy – the first public winter sports academy in the United States. It offers students in grades 6-12 the opportunity to train 6 days per week in the winter months through flexible scheduling. Higher education opportunities are located at the Colorado Mountain College in Edwards.

Housing ranges from \$700-\$1200 per month for a two-bedroom condominium with single-family homes renting from \$1200-\$2500 per month. These costs are reflective of the highly desirable quality of life available in the Eagle Valley. Limited government housing may be available in Eagle and/or Minturn.

The purpose of this outreach notice is to inform prospective applicants of this employment opportunity. The announcement will run concurrently with this outreach. Contact Paula Peterson for the announcement number and closing date.

To express interest in this position, please complete and send the attached Outreach Response Form by December 12, 2013. For additional information about this opportunity, please contact Paula K. Peterson Recreation Staff at 970-827-5159 or 970-366-6246 or pkpeterson@fs.fed.us.

Outreach Response Form

Natural Resource Specialist, GS-0101/0401-07/09
Minturn, CO, White River NF
USDA Forest Service, R2-Rocky Mountain Region
Please respond by December 12 2013 to:
Paula Peterson, pkpeterson@fs.fed.us, 970-872-5159

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Work, Home or Mobile?

Employer: FS Unit _____ Other _____

Location: _____

Tour: Permanent ____ Temporary ____ Student/Intern ____ Contractor ____ Other ____

Current Position Title: _____

Series/grade if Federal Employee: _____

How did you hear about this position? _____

Agency Contact _____ Other _____

If not a current permanent employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

_____ Schedule A (Person with Disabilities)

_____ Veterans Readjustment

_____ Veterans w/30% Compensable Disability

_____ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act Of 1998

_____ Former Peace Corps Volunteer

_____ Pathways Program (Students and Recent Graduates)

_____ Other _____